

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2149
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2000
PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES FOR BPL PEOPLE
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to provide relief to the people living below the poverty line (BPL) as well as in drought affected areas of country, the Government have been requested to re-fix/ revise the prices of essential commodities under PDS to reasonable level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : The Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of wheat and rice distributed under PDS have been revised with effect from 25.7.2000 as under:-

(Rs. per quintal)
Commodity
BPL APL

Wheat 415 830
Rice

(i) Common 565

(ii) Grade 'A' 565 1130

The CIPs have been revised on the recommendations of Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) and in the light of reduction in economic cost of wheat and rice.

In order to reduce the burden of subsidy on exchequer, Central Government revised the Retail Issue Price (RIP) of sugar to Rs.13.00 per kg. with effect from 1.3.2000. Some State Governments requested to roll back the RIP of sugar, but the request was not found feasible.

The ex-storage point price, retail selling price and the price under parallel marketing scheme (PMS) of kerosene oil in four metropolitan cities viz. Delhi, Calcutta, Mumbai and Chennai are given in the Statement at Annexure-A.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2149 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 04-08-2000.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE EX-STORAGE POINT PRICE, RETAIL SELLING PRICE AND THE PRICE UNDER PARALLEL MARKETING SCHEME OF KEROSENE OIL IN FOUR METROPOLITAN CITIES.

(Rs./litre)

DELHI CALCUTTA MUMBAI CHENNAI

Ex-storage point Price 4.50 4.50 4.50 4.50
Retail Selling Price 5.55 5.87 5.57 5.64
Price under PMS + 14.00-16.00 13.00-14.00 11.00-13.00 13.00-14.00

+ The PMS selling price of Kerosene fluctuates depending on the market economies.